

09/555917

422 Rec'd PCN 10 0 6 JUN 2000

#3/a
LTYSON
022101

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

FLYNN

Atty. Ref.: 36-1316

Serial No. Unknown

Group:

National Phase of PCT/GB98/03718

Filed: June 6, 2000

Examiner:

For: PROXY ROUTING

* * * * *

June 6, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and in order to place the above identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS ON THE AMENDED SHEETS

Claim 4, line 1, delete "or 3".

Claims 5, 7, and 8, line 1 of each, delete "any preceding" and after "claim" insert

-- 1 --.

Claim 10, line 1, delete "or 9".

Cancel claims 15 and 16 without prejudice.

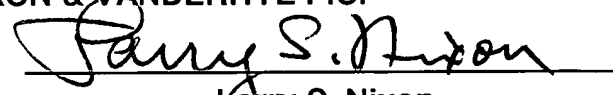
REMARKS

The above amendments are made to place the claims in a more traditional format.

Respectfully submitted,

NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C.

By:


Larry S. Nixon
Reg. No. 25,640

LSN:Imy

1100 North Glebe Road, 8th Floor
Arlington, VA 22201-4714
Telephone: (703) 816-4000
Facsimile: (703) 816-4100